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**Submission from Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority**  Mémoire de Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority

In the Matter of

À l'égard de

Bruce Power Inc. – Bruce A and B Nuclear Generating Station Bruce Power Inc. - Centrale nucléaire de Bruce A et Bruce B

Request for a ten-year renewal of its Nuclear Power Reactor Operating Licence for the Bruce A and B Nuclear Generating Station Demande de renouvellement, pour une période de dix ans, de son permis d'exploitation d'un réacteur nucléaire de puissance à la centrale nucléaire de Bruce A et Bruce B

**Commission Public Hearing – Part 2** 

Audience publique de la Commission – Partie 2

May 28-31, 2018

28-31 mai 2018





# Bruce Power - NVCA Partnerships for Improving Water Quality and Fish Habitat

Fred Dobbs, Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority, May 30, 2018



### Overview

### Purpose of this Presentation

- Provide Background on Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) Area of Jurisdiction and Current Water Quality and Fisheries Habitat Management Initiatives.
- 2. Document Bruce Power's Role with Respect to Operational Safety and Protection of the Environment.
- 3. Describe Bruce Power NVCA Partnership





### Part 1 - NVCA Area

### About the Nottawasaga Valley Watershed



- 3,700 km<sup>2</sup>
- 18 member municipalities
- Nottawasaga River Watershed & Blue Mountain Sub-watersheds
- 35 km of Georgian Bay shoreline
- Niagara Escarpment
- Oak Ridges Moraine
- Minesing Wetlands
- Globally and provincially rare coastal wetland systems



# Fish Populations









### **Diverse Landscapes**

Management requires both habitat protection and restoration



Niagara Escarpment – Pine River Valley a Priority for Protection



Algonquin Sand Plain – Beeton Flats a Priority for Stream Restoration



# Typical Stream Habitat Improvement Project



# Part 2 - Bruce Power's Role with Respect to Operational Safety and Protection of the Environment

Through working with Bruce Power staff and fisheries professionals in both the federal and provincial government sectors, NVCA staff are very aware of the strong operational safety measures which Bruce Power implements for protection of the environment.





# Bruce Power's Role with Respect to Operational Safety and Protection of the Environment

Even with the best mitigation measures in place, the coolant water intake at the Bruce facility still entrains some Lake Huron fish. Recognizing this context, Bruce Power responsibly works with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to address the requirements of the federal fisheries act through development of a compensation plan. NVCA staff are aware that Bruce Power is supporting very significant projects including the removal of the Truax Dam on the Saugeen River, in order to address these compensation requirements.





# Bruce Power's Role with Respect to Operational Safety and Protection of the Environment

Bruce Power works with partners like the Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority to complete additional fish habitat improvement projects which are not tied to DFO compensation needs. This work demonstrates Bruce Powers willingness to implement operational safety measures which significantly exceed the requirements of the Federal Fisheries Act and also confirms Bruce Power's role as an Environmental Steward in the Lake Huron Watershed.





# Part 3 - Bruce Power Partnership with NVCA

#### History - 2017

- Bruce Power approached NVCA regarding a partnership to improve fish habitat and water quality.
- NVCA proposed 2 dam removal projects and a stream channel restoration initiative.
- Bruce Power support allowed for:
  - collection of baseline data for all 3 projects
  - development of a multi-year partnership work plan





## Bruce Power - NVCA Partnership

#### 2018 Initiatives





- Fish passage and water quality improvements
- Fish community and habitat monitoring



Petun Dam Black Ash Creek

- Finalize design and approvals for dam removal
- Fish community and habitat monitoring
- Possible removal, 2019



### Bruce Power - NVCA Partnership

#### Benefits of Partnership

Provides capacity to tackle all aspects of dam removal/retrofit and stream habitat restoration projects:

- collecting fisheries and aquatic habitat baseline data
- working through necessary long-term planning, permits and approvals
- focus on aquatic habitat benefits, project deliverables and costs
- frees NVCA staff time to deliver projects rather than chasing funding







## Questions?

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Attention: Canadian Nuclear Safety Commission Secretariat

### Regarding: Request for Intervenor Status at Public Hearing for Bruce Power Application to Renew its Licence

To whom it may concern,

The Nottawasaga Valley Conservation Authority (NVCA) is making a request to participate at the public hearing on May 30-31, 2018, for the application from Bruce Power Inc. (Bruce Power) to renew its Nuclear Power Reactor Operating Licence. The NVCA proposes to intervene by way of a written submission and oral presentation (see attached Power Point presentation). The presentation addresses:

- 1. Background on NVCA and current fish habitat restoration initiatives.
- 2. Bruce Power's Role with respect to operational safety and protection of the environment.
- 3. The partnership between Bruce Power and the NVCA.

Please contact Fred Dobbs at (705) 424 1479 ext. 237 if you have any questions regarding this request.

Sincerely,

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